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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, EMIN, GV

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DABOLA BAUXITE PROJECT -- REYNOLDS METALS

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1. GUINEAN MINISTER OF MINES KABASSAN KEITA TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 27 THAT HE AND ISMAEL TOURE, MINISTER OF ECONOMY-FINANCE DOMAIN, PLANNED TO VISIT CANADA AND US THIRD WEEK IN MARCH, AND COULD COME TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH REYNOLDS METALS AFTER THAT. IF THIS IS NOT CONVENIENT FOR REYNOLDS, LATTER COULD SEND OFFICIALS TO GUINEA, APRIL 4. HE INDICATED HE HAD RECEIVED REYNOLDS' TELEGRAM REF A AND HAD RESPONDED ALONG ABOVE LINEE.

2. KEITA MADE STRONG PITCH FOR US BACKING OF REYNOLDS' PARTICIPATION IN DABOLA PROJECT. HE SAID GOG HOPED REYNOLDS COULD TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN AMANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF PROJECTEVEN IF EQUITY HOLDING WAS NOT LARGE. GOG HAD ARGUED NIGERIANS,
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YUGOSLAVS, ALGERIANS INTO THIS VIEW ALSO;
HE RECALLED THE VERY POSITIVE ROLE OF US CORPORATIONS IN CBG BAUXITE MINE BEGINNING WITH HARVEY ALUMINUM CO. IN EARLY 1960'S AND STRESSED THAT GOG WISHED NOW TO INCREASE US PARTICIPATION IN MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS PROJECTS.

3. KEITA ADDED THAT ISMAEL TOURE INTENDED
SPEAKING WITH AMBASSADOR SOON REGARDING DORTHCOMING
US TRIP.

4. COMMENT: PLANNED ISMAEL TRIP, IF TO WASHINGTON,
SHOULD OFFER DEPARTMENT CHANCE TO ADD HIGH-LEVEL
POLITICAL DIMENSION TO HIS PRESUMABLY MOSTLY ECONOMIC
ITINERARY. WILL MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR DEPARTMENT
ACTION ONCE MEETING WITH ISMAEL (ABOVE) TAKES
PLACE AND DATES ARE FIRMER. CROSBY

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